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Examiner Christopher Bottorff

In re Application of

Tadayuki HATSUDA et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3618

Serial No. 10/816,892

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Sir:

For: DRIVE APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

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In response to the January 25, 2006 Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I directed to a drive apparatus, Species 1 directed to a drive system disclosed in Figures 1 and 2, and Species a directed to an inverter system disclosed in Figure 5 without traverse.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-20 are pending, with claims 1, 19 and 20 being the only independent claims. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit a complete set of claims with the status of each claim indicated with an appropriate identifier in a parenthetical expression.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.